Table 1. Perceived Coerciveness of Interrogation Tactics

| Interrogation Tactic | *M* | *SD* | *n* |
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| Repeatedly accusing a suspect. | 3.39 | 1.06 | 198 |
| Asking the suspect to take a lie detector test. | 2.88 | 1.18 | 198 |
| Repeatedly telling the suspect his or her alibi is false. | 3.52 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Repeatedly cutting off suspect's denial of guilt. | 3.31 | 1.08 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results are inconclusive. | 2.56 | 1.24 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and truthfully telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 3.02 | 1.41 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false surveillance camera evidence. | 4.13 | 1.11 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false DNA evidence. | 4.33 | 1.04 | 198 |
| Confronting suspect with incriminating false fingerprint evidence. | 4.27 | 1.04 | 198 |
| Giving a lie detector test and falsely telling suspect results show he or she is lying. | 4.13 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient charge for confession. | 3.73 | 0.99 | 198 |
| Explicitly promising suspect a lenient charge for confession. | 4.07 | 1.00 | 198 |
| Implicitly suggesting suspect will receive a lenient sentence for confession. | 3.84 | 0.96 | 198 |
| Explicitly promising a suspect a lenient sentence for confession. | 4.06 | 1.05 | 198 |
| Implicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.15 | 1.09 | 198 |
| Explicitly threatening the suspect with physical harm if no confession. | 4.36 | 1.08 | 198 |
| Threatening the suspect with violence if no confession. | 4.34 | 1.09 | 198 |
| Beating or assaulting the suspect. | 4.44 | 1.16 | 198 |
| Scale: 1 = Not coercive at all; 5 = Extremely coercive | | | |